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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>   | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                               | 10/715,739               | ROSEN, YOAV         |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>Lars A Olson | Art Unit<br>3617    |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the response received from the applicant on August 10, 2004.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3.  The drawings filed on 18 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 08102004
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Reasons for Allowance**

1. A request for reconsideration was received from the applicant on August 10, 2004.
2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The watercraft for transporting one or more users as claimed is not shown or suggested in the prior art because of the use of a watercraft that is comprised of first and second hull means, each with a cavity means that extends from the top of each of said hull means downwards substantially to the bottom of each of said hull means, each of said cavity means being sufficiently wide to accommodate a leg and foot of a user when said user is in a sitting, standing, riding or kneeling position, and a connector means that is rigidly attached to each of said hull means, where said user of said watercraft is able to use said watercraft by having one foot and/or leg in each of said cavities in each of said hull means.
4. The prior art as disclosed by Price (US 4,318,700) shows the use of a watercraft that is comprised of first and second hulls each having a shallow recessed portion with a substantially flat bottom, a connector that is rigidly attached to each of said hulls, and a seating means, said watercraft allowing a person aboard to have one foot or leg in each of said shallow recessed portions in each of said hulls. However, none of the prior art cited shows or suggests the use of a watercraft that is comprised of first and second hull means, each with a cavity means that extends from the top of each of said hull

means downwards substantially to the bottom of each of said hull means, each of said cavity means being sufficiently wide to accommodate a leg and foot of a user when said user is in a sitting, standing, riding or kneeling position, and a connector means that is rigidly attached to each of said hull means, where said user of said watercraft is able to use said watercraft by having one foot and/or leg in each of said cavities in each of said hull means.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Lars Olson whose telephone number is (703) 308-9807.

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